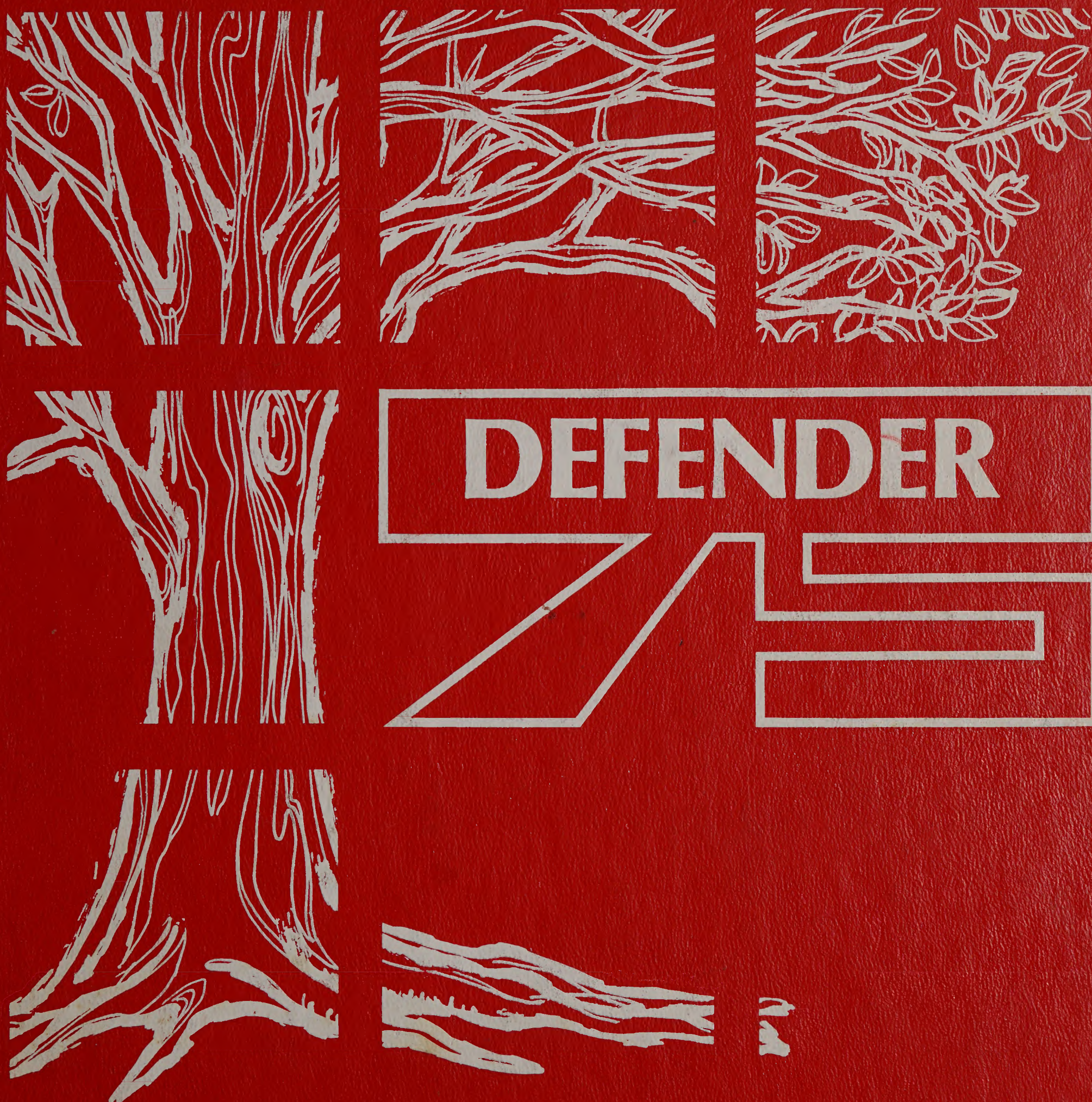
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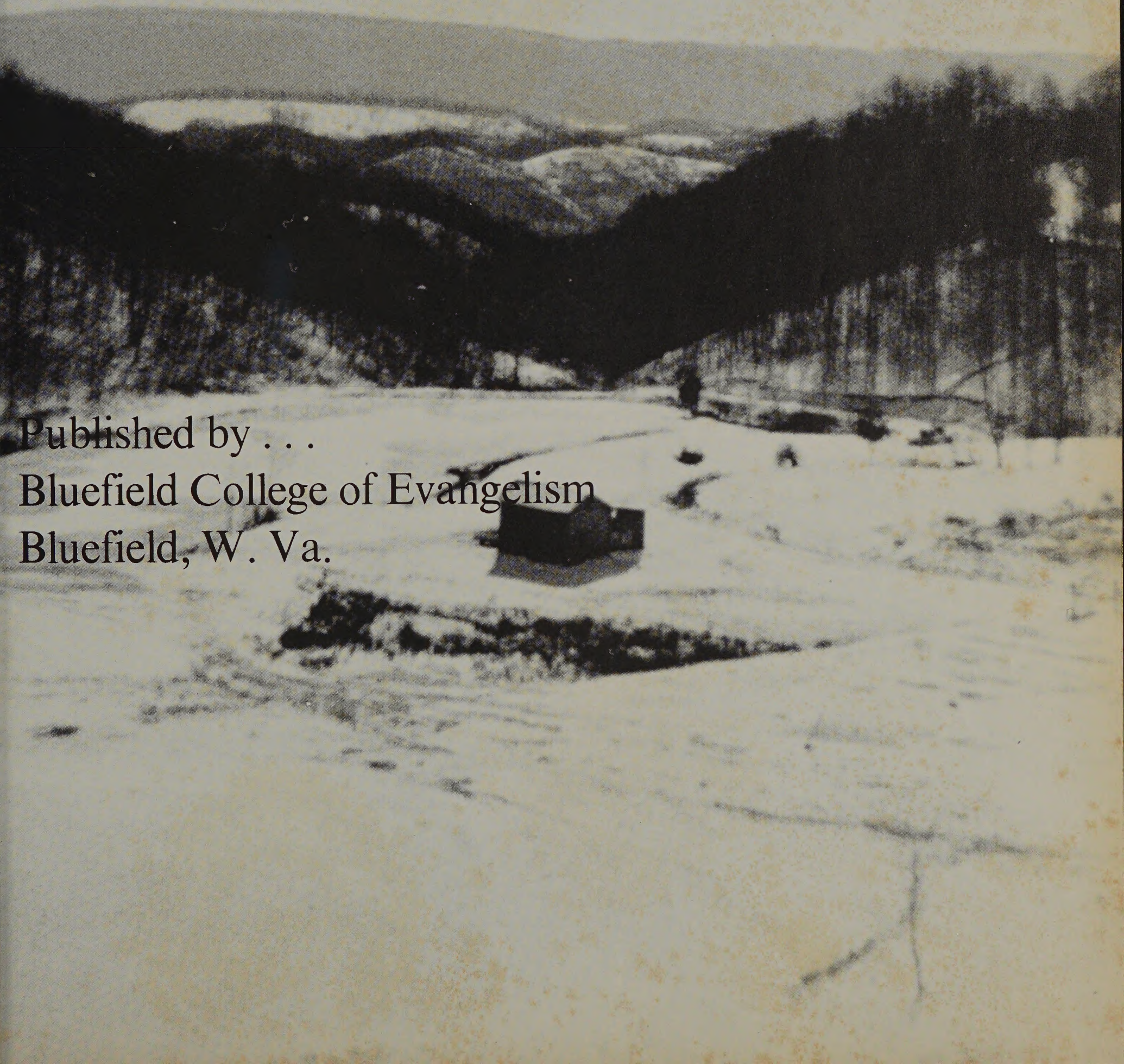

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Foreword

We here at the Bluefield College of Evangelism are challenged to be ready always to defend our faith. As we labor together, we strive to have our faith built upon the rock of Jesus the Christ.

In this yearbook you will meet the administration, faculty, staff, and students of the Bluefield College of Evangelism as we work to uplift the name of Christ. May each of you be challanged to stand firm on the rock of Jesus and let the tree of your life bear fruit for Him

Your editor,
Kenneth McFarling

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Dedication

A man on the move, from Florida to Maine, from Alaska to North Carolina, always ready to give a reason of the hope that is within him with meekness and fear. Mr. David E. Branholm, we the student body dedicate this annual to our brother in the faith. May you DEFEND the faith until death.

Scrapbook

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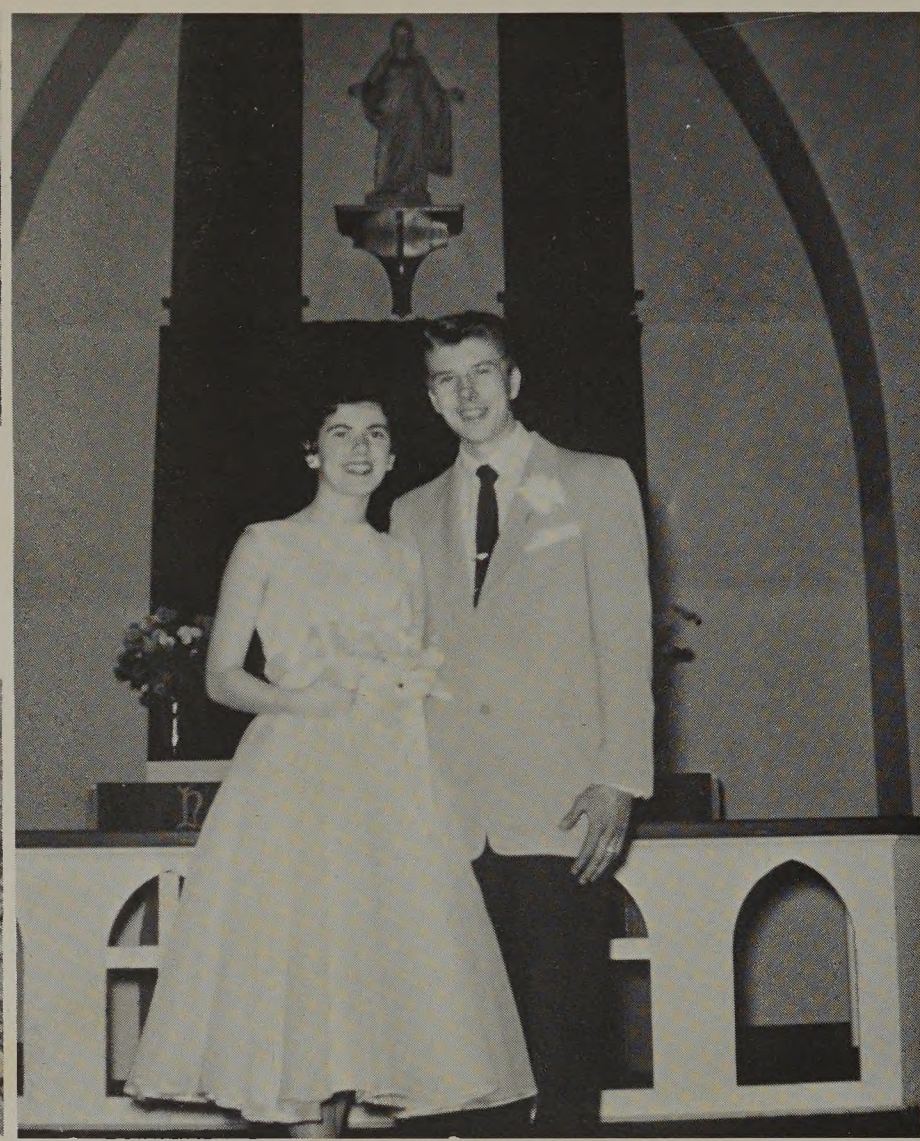

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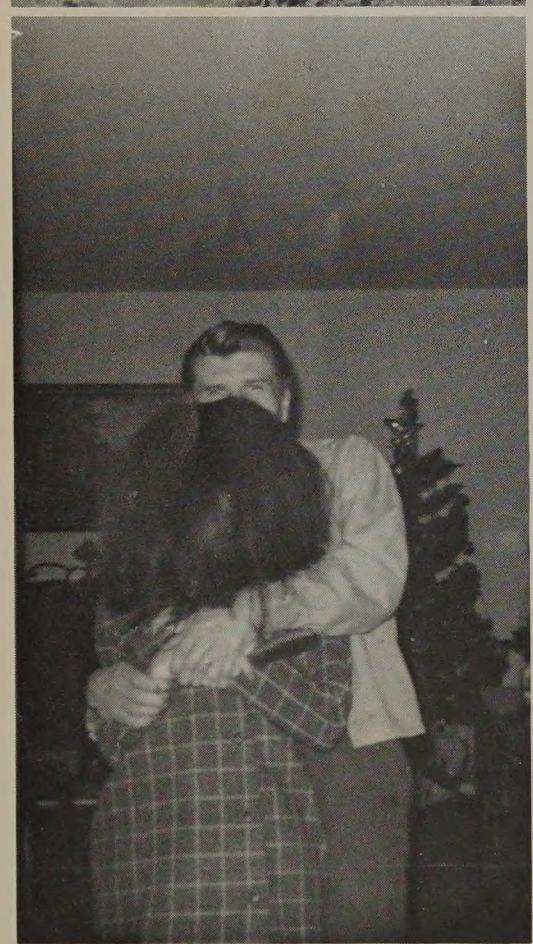
MY FAMILY

NAGS HEAD??



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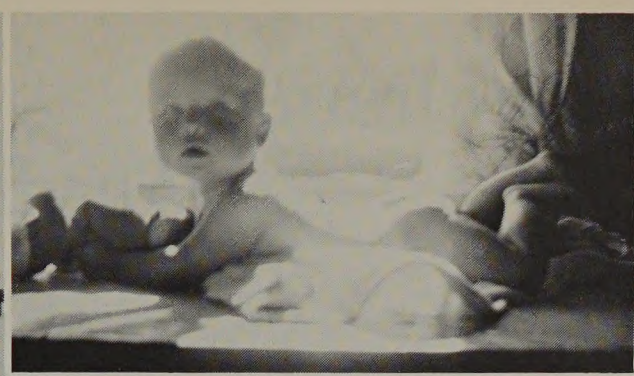
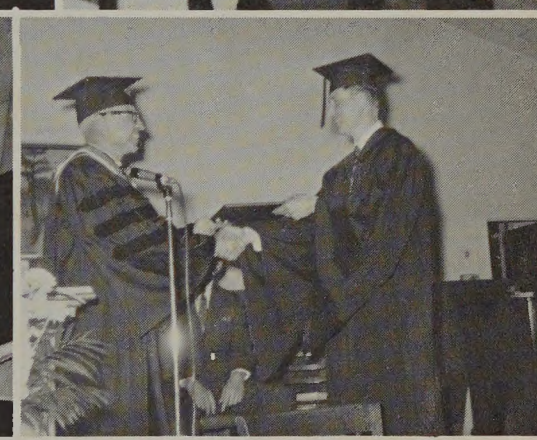
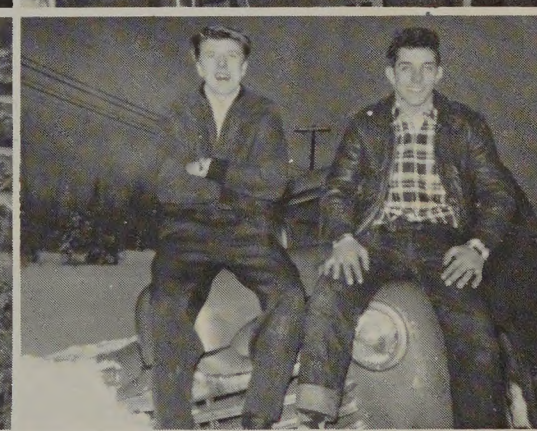
I FINALLY JOINED.

CIRCUIT RIDING PREACHER



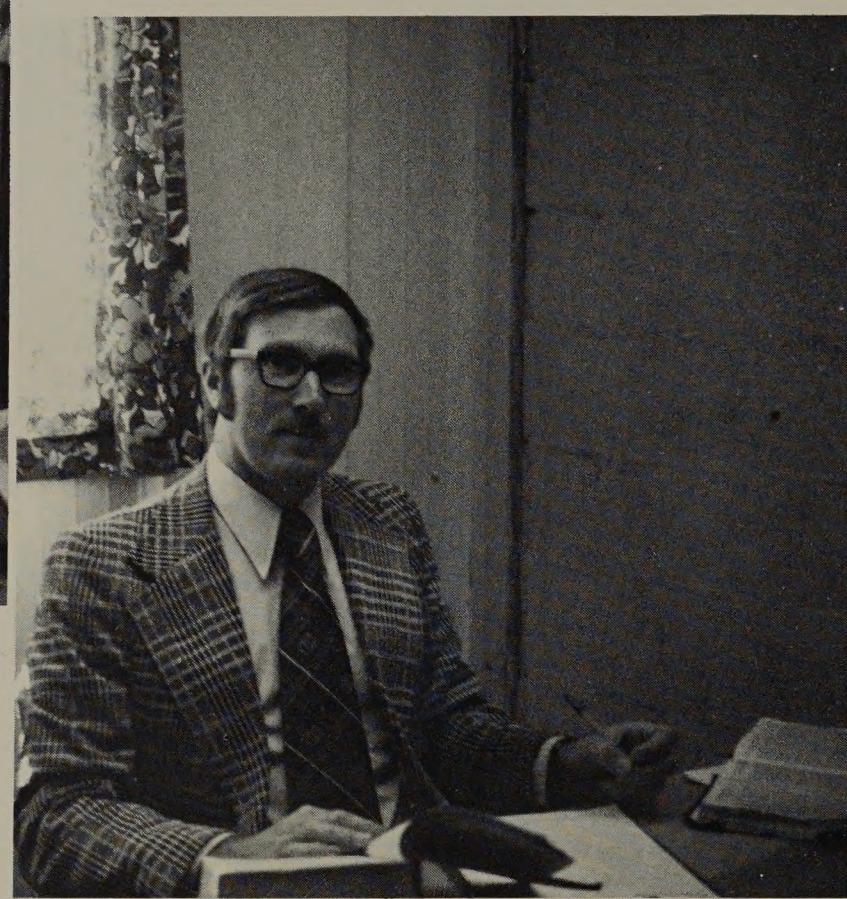




Administration
The Beginning

Bluefield College of Evangelism received her charter in June of '71. Within 89 days she was ready for the opening of classes. Beginning with thirty students the first year, she has grown to ninety-five the fourth year.

PRESIDENT – DAVE BRANHOLM
Speech



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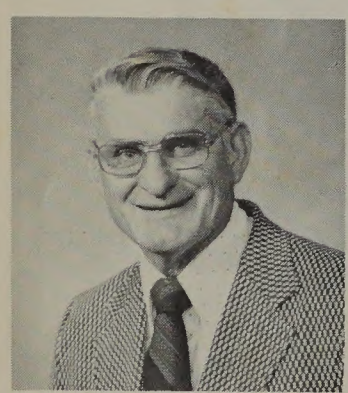
Epistles, Psychology

Board of Directors



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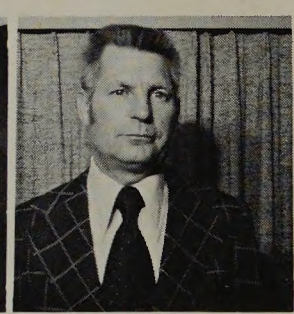
David Cline



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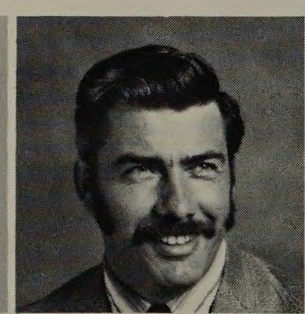

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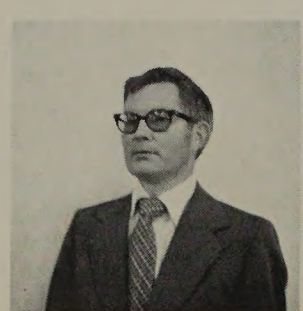

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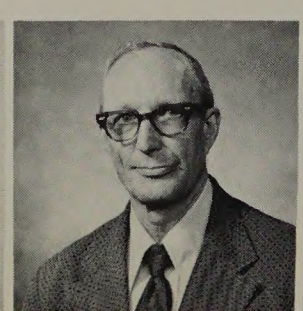

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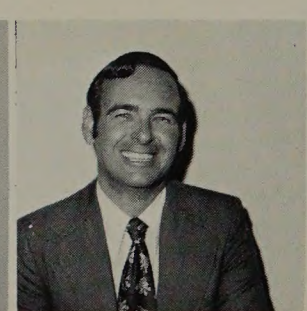

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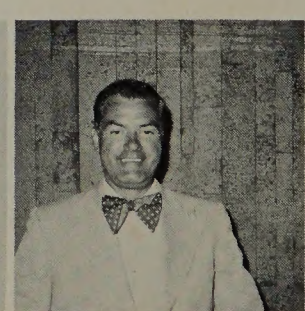

Don Wilgus

Faculty

Batter Up!!!!!!

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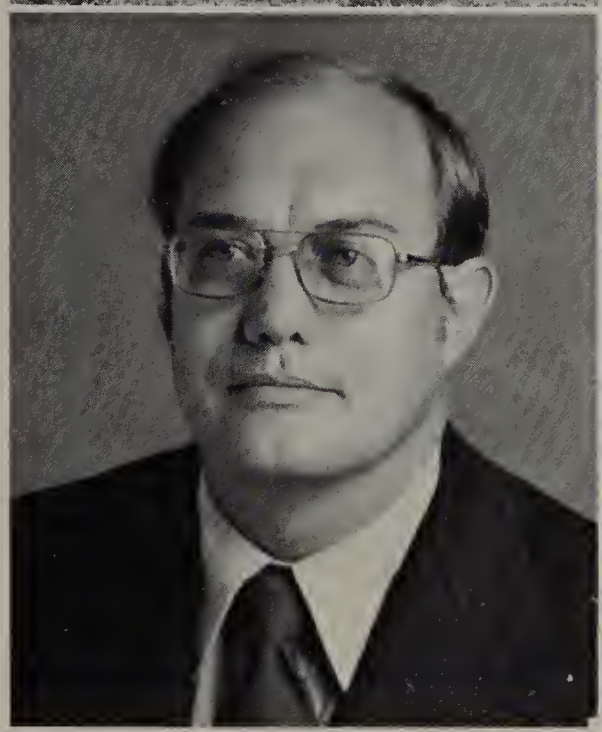
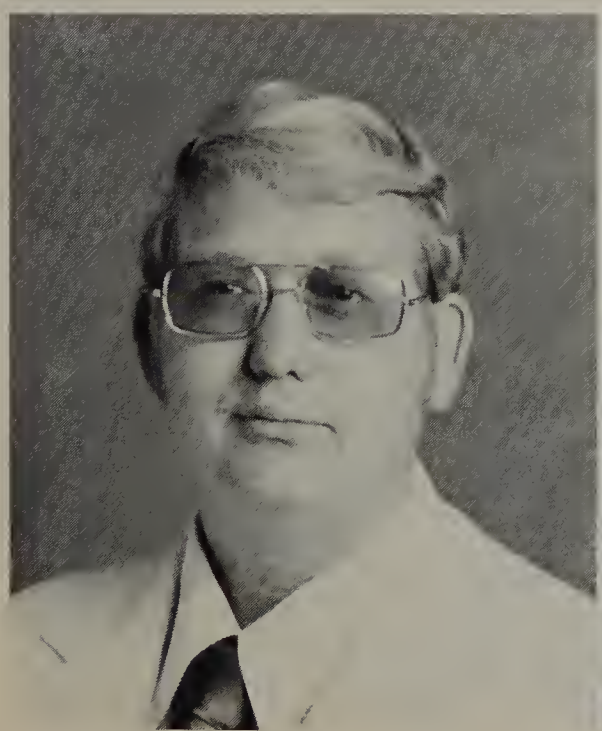
Registrar, Greek



CLAY BAILEY
Old Testament

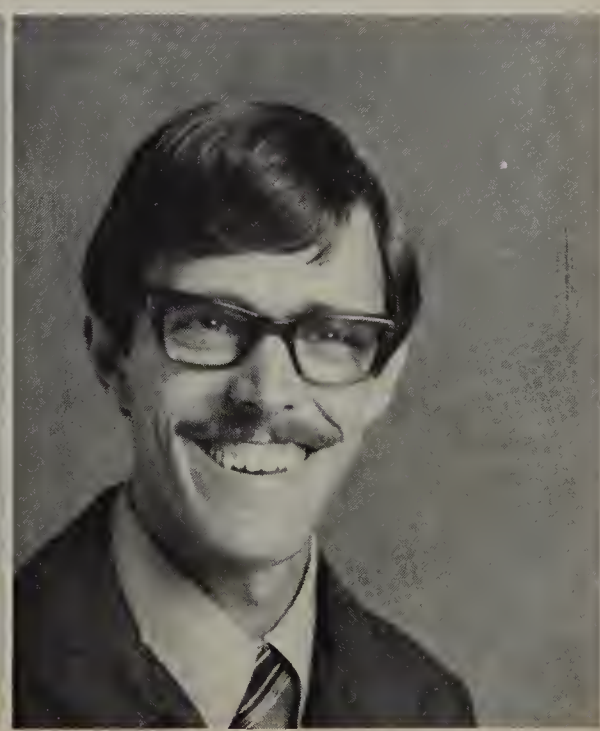
JOAN BAILEY
English, Logic

SHEILA HUDSON
Secretarial Science



TIM HUDSON
New Testament

BARBARA TATE
Home Economics



GLENN TATE
Music, Drama

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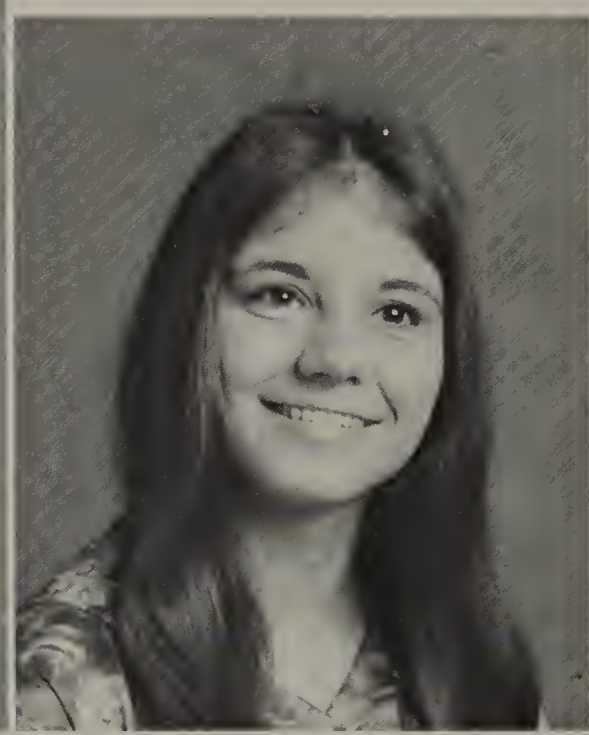
Cafeteria Aid

JANET BRANHOLM
Bookkeeper



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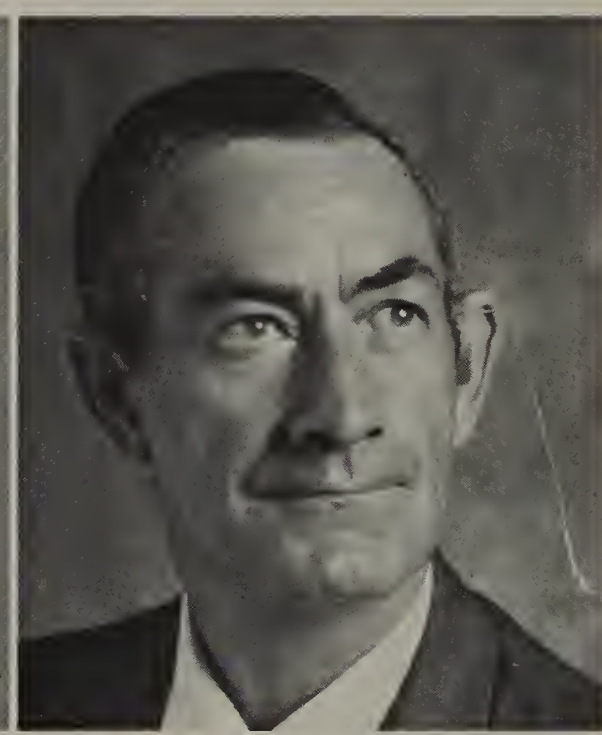

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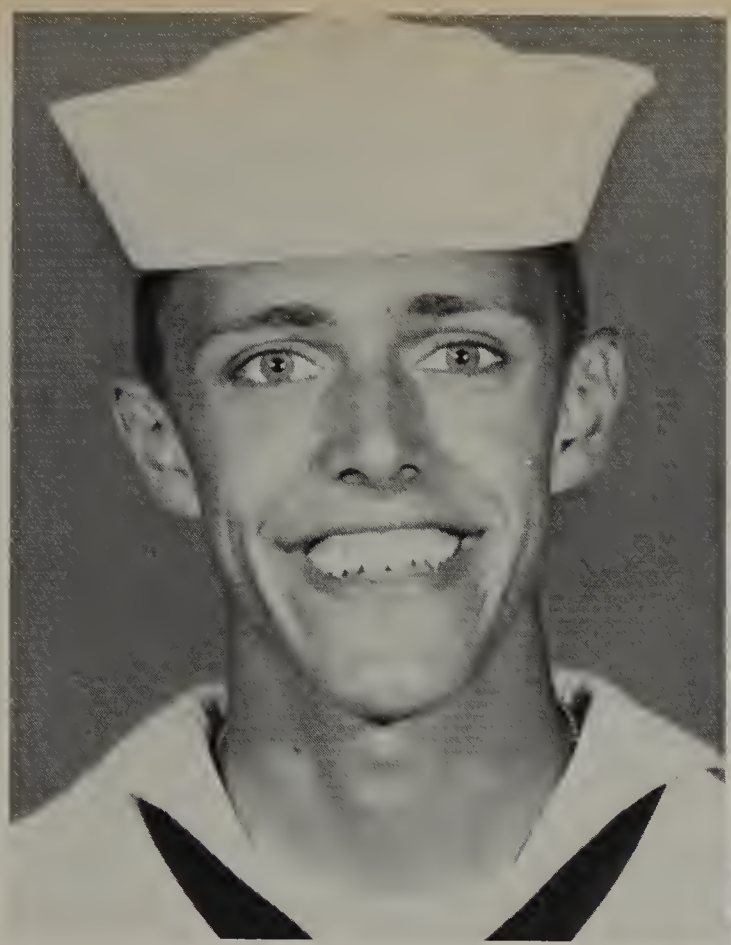
Our Faculty ?



Look Mom, NO CAVITIES!

Keep on trucking!!!

Does Mrs. Baily have precious memories?

Don, does Emma know about all these girls?

Oh, to have my hair again!

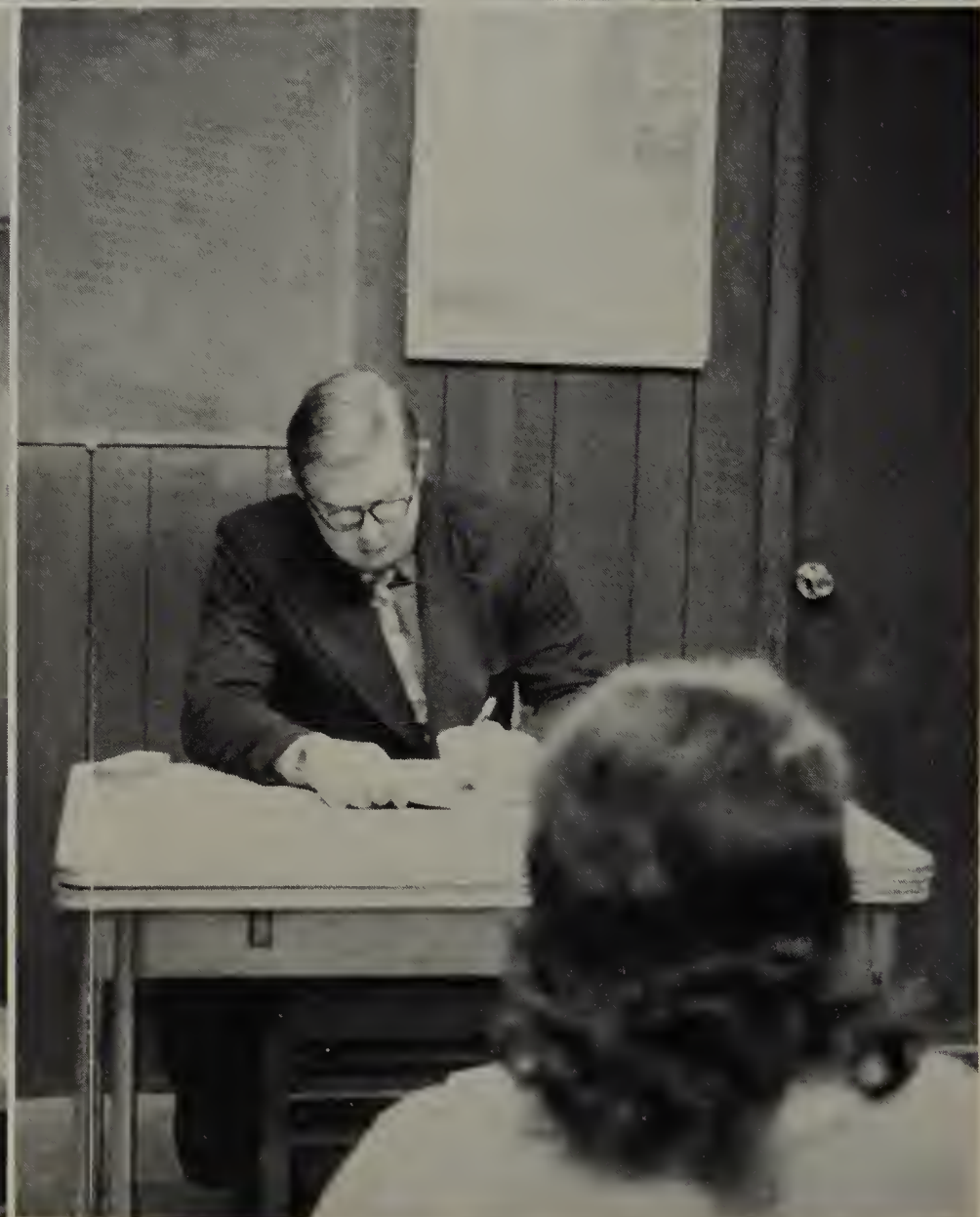
I used an afro machine.

Curriculum

Tim Hudson – Professor of Gospels, Missions, Personal Evangelism, Christian Doctrine, also the dean of men.

Don Copper – Professor of Epistles, Counseling, Psychology, Academic Dean.

Joan Bailey – Professor of English, Logic, also dean of women.



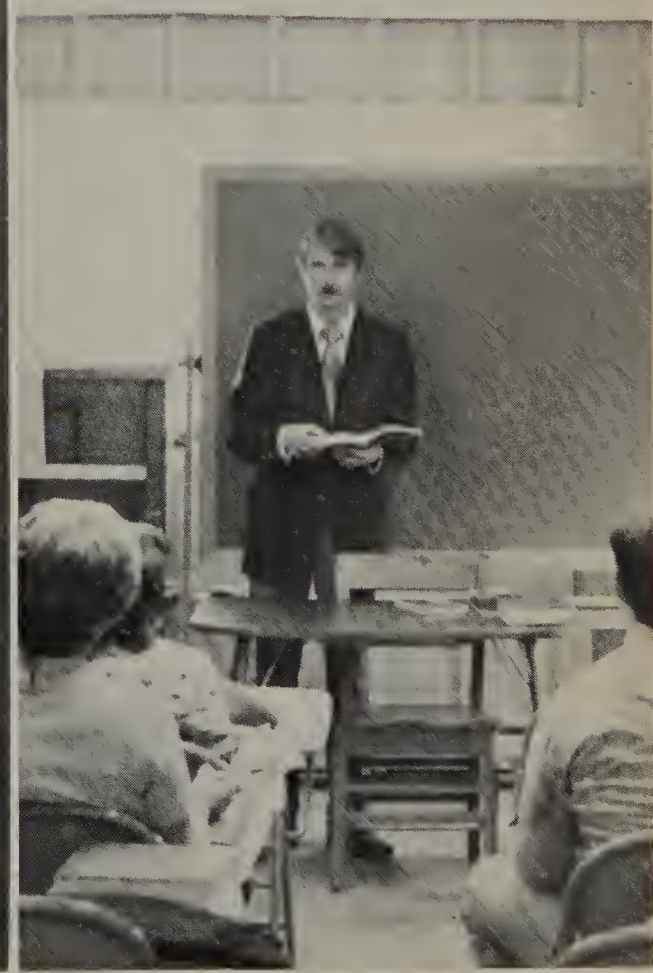
Rick Mathena – Professor of Greek, Church History, also student body advisor.

The first semester Unashamed, left to right are Mary Ann Branholm, Leroy Overholser, Cathy Starkey, Vic Peterson, Holly Simpson, Carl Saunders; not shown: Glenn Tate: faculty advisor and Professor of Music.

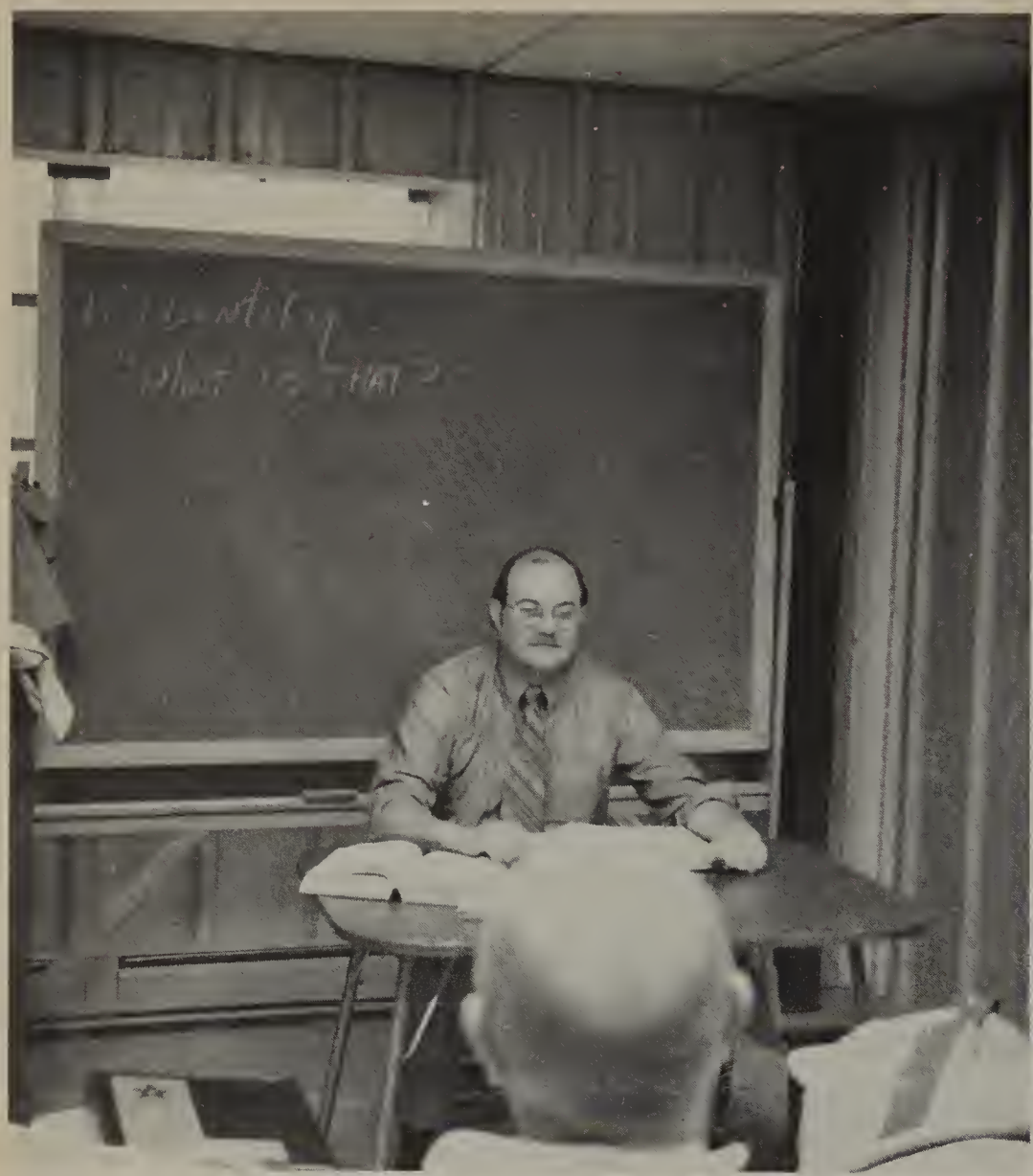
Dave Branholm – Professor of Communism VS Christianity, and Speech

Joanna Mathena – faculty advisor to Annual Staff

Sheila Hudson – Professor of Typing and Shorthand



Clay Bailey – Professor of Early Hebrew History, History of Israel, and Homiletics



From time to time there are guest speakers in chapel.

On Tuesday and Thursday the chapel time is devoted to prayer.

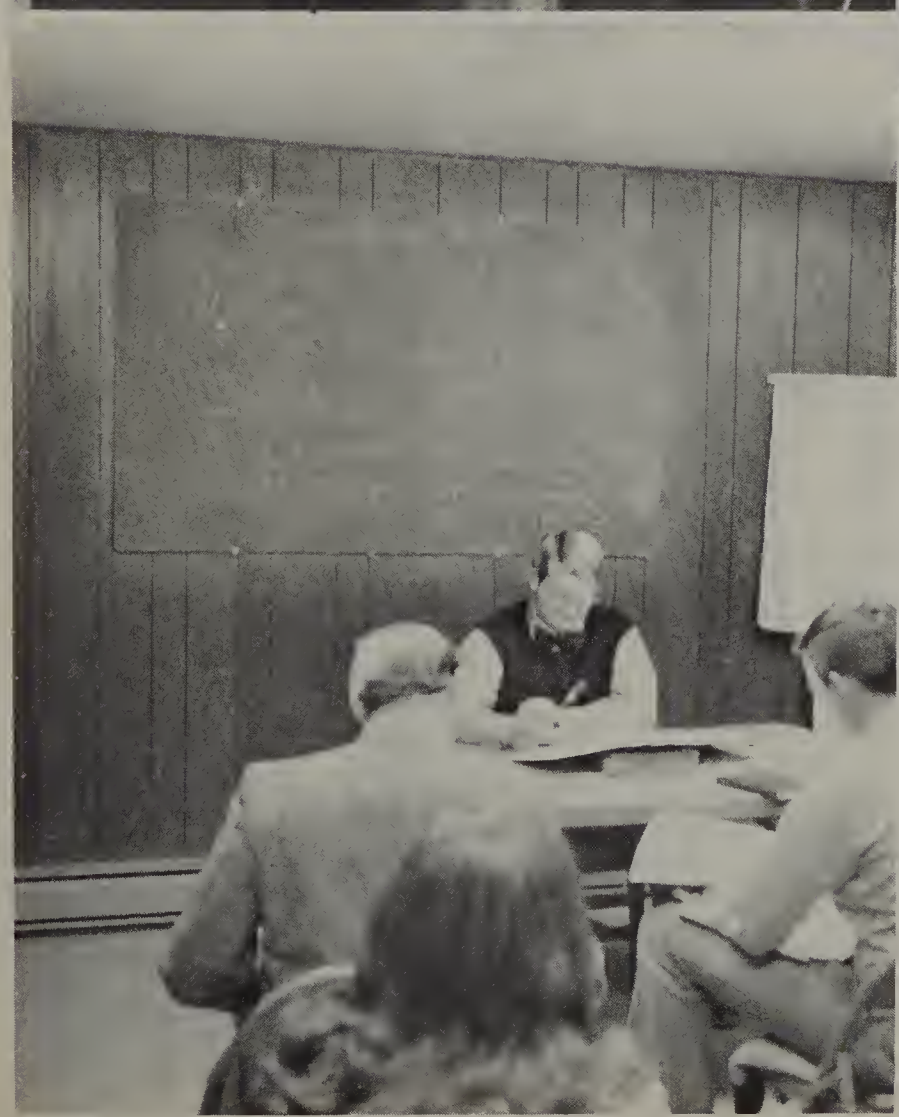
On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the students practice what they have learned.

NIGHT CLASSES

Rick Mathena teaching a night class.

Joan Bailey also instructs a night class in Christian education.

Teach it, Don!



It appears that Tim wants to make the point very clear.

It seems that Clay is saying, "May I suggest to you . . ."

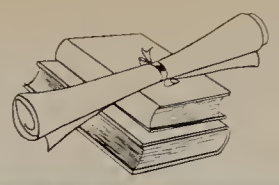
ACTIVITIES: WINTER

On February 14, 1974 a Sweetheart Banquet was held. Clarence Greenleaf was the guest speaker. Peggy Ford was crowned Sweetheart Queen and runners up were Velma Blackwell, Connie Blackwell, and Dottie Wyatt.

AND SPRING '74

A fine school year was ended with an outing at Glenwood Park. Reggie Webb was presented with a ring in remembrance of his famous NO. 1

GRADUATION '74



A graduation banquet was held in honor of the graduates. Jack Harris was the speaker. Reggie and Nancy Jane Webb were presented a gift in appreciation for their years of service at B.C.E.

GRADUATES

JERRY CAIN

JEFF FAIN

DEBBIE HAUGER

PAM REED

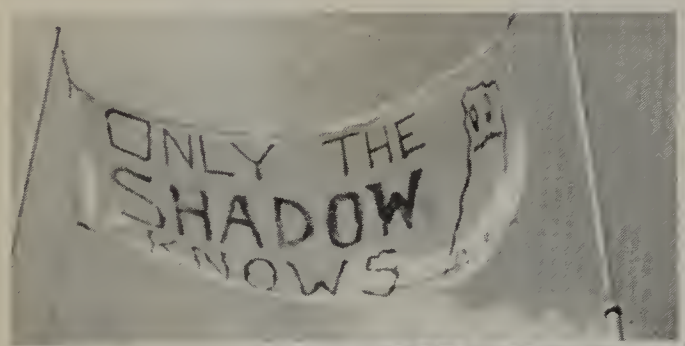
BILL REED,
GRADUATION SPEAKER

POMP and CIRCUMSTANCE

A NEW YEAR '74-'75

Convocation was held on September 5, 1974, marking the official opening of school. Gerald Stemm was this year's speaker.

SNEAK DAY



The Shadow missed it again. After a sneaky and foggy escape at 1:00 in the morning and a rough night's sleep, students enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship at Glenwood Park on September 16. The best thing about it, however, was no classes.

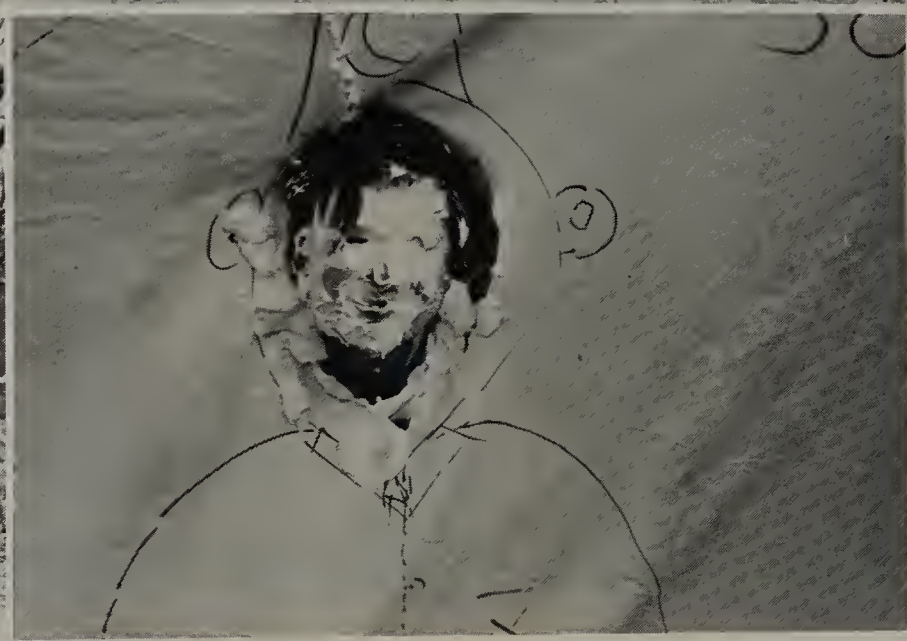
A Chinese auction was held also. The largest prize purchased was a portable T.V. by Leroy Overholser. Another interesting prize was a bottle of Scope purchased by Don Cooper.

ACTIVITIES '74

In October a Fall Festival Day was held. Students enjoyed an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and games. Karen Tremblay, Debbie Hauger, Dean Stowe, and Kenny McFarling were this year's winners for the best costumes.

On November 26-29, students attended the National Missionary Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

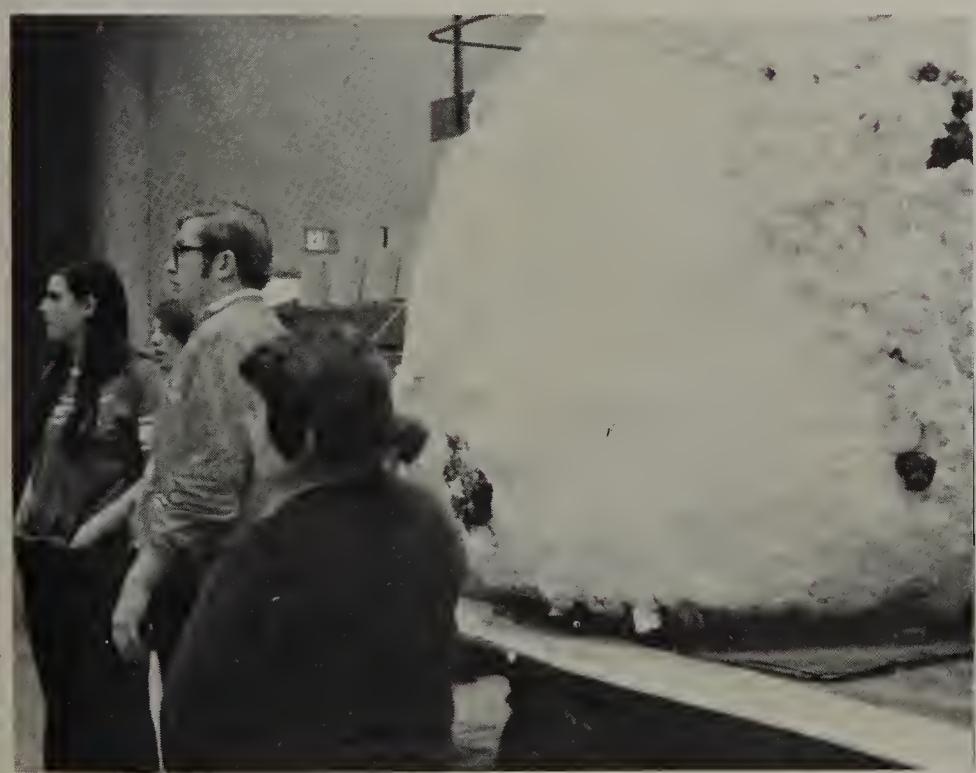
IT'S MARVELOUS!!!



The Monday morning blahs soon disappeared as the faculty surprised the students with a day off from class. Everyone enjoyed a whole day of fun and fellowship on this MARVELOUS MONDAY.

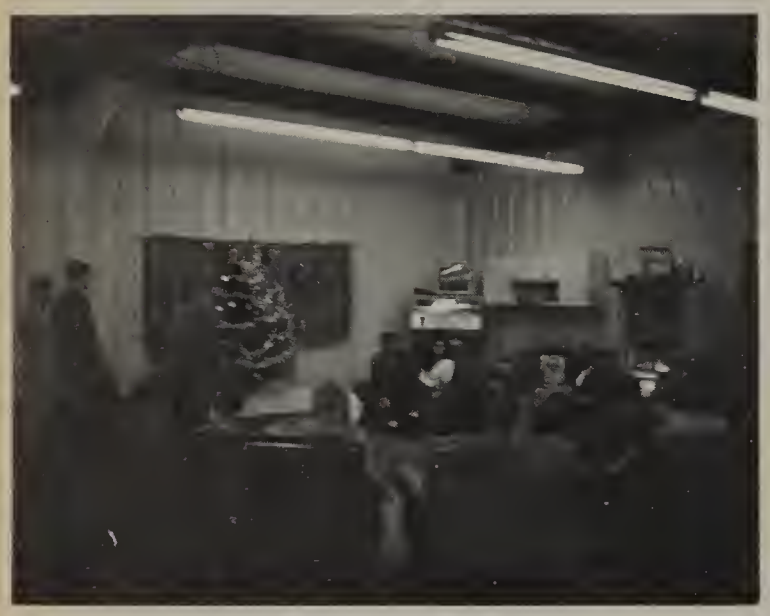
Ping pong and football are a few of the favorite sports of students at BCE.

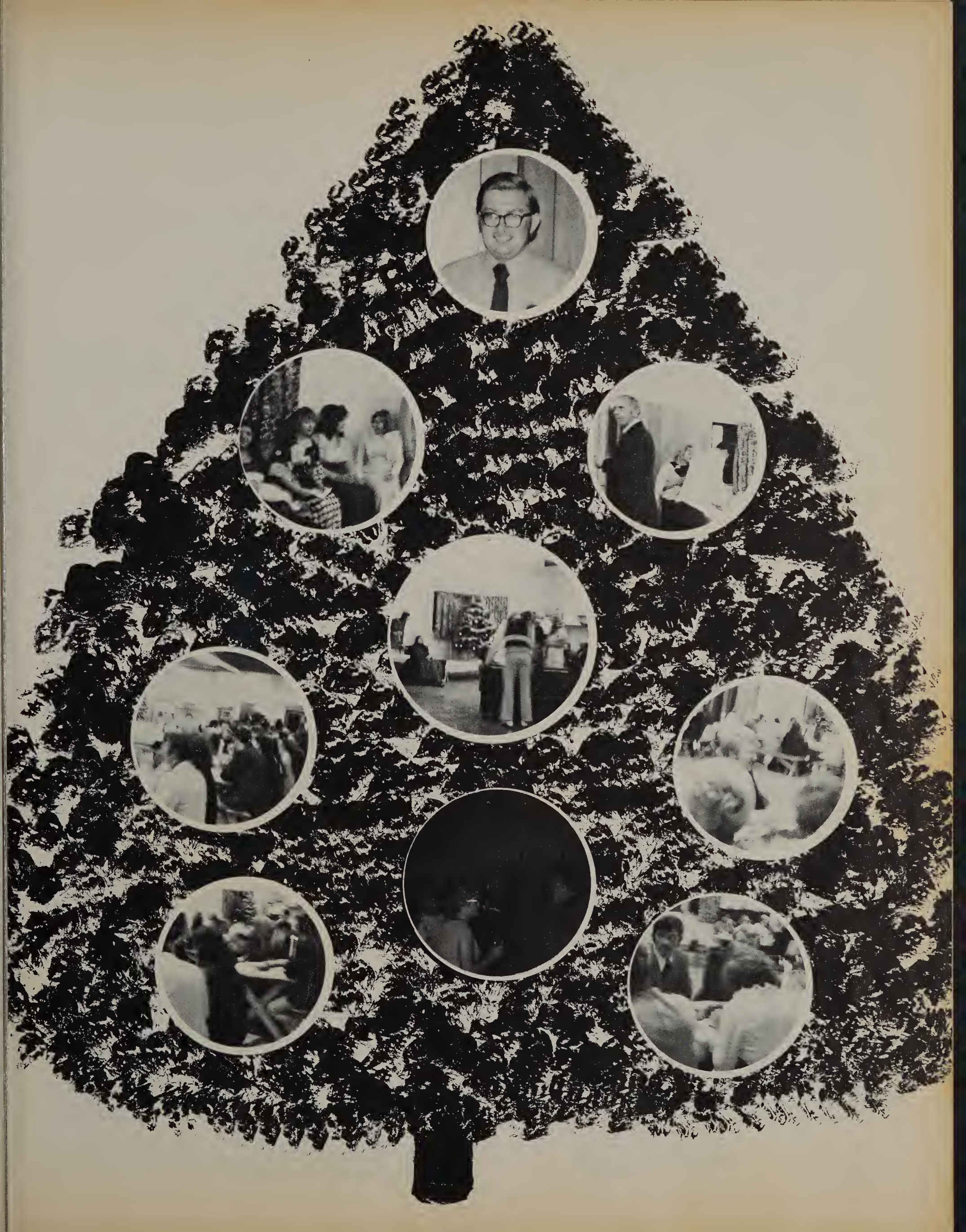
A Faith Promise Rally was also held at the BCE chapel. The theme for the rally was OUR GOAL IS THE WORLD. Over $3,000 was pledged. Larry Mullen also made a decision.



Students worked on a float for the Bluefield, West Virginia Christmas Parade.

Christmas Banquet 1974





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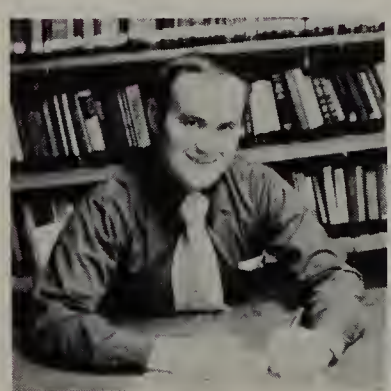
Joanna and Rick Mathena

OFFICERS



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Dean Stowe
Treasurer

Dottie Wyatt
Vice President

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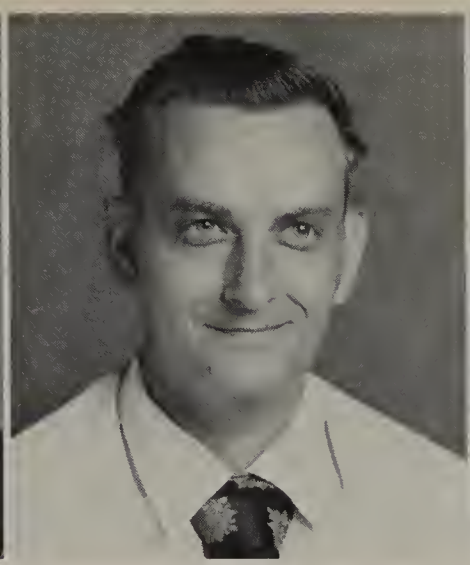
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

JUNIORS

ROB CARTER

MIKE DIAMOND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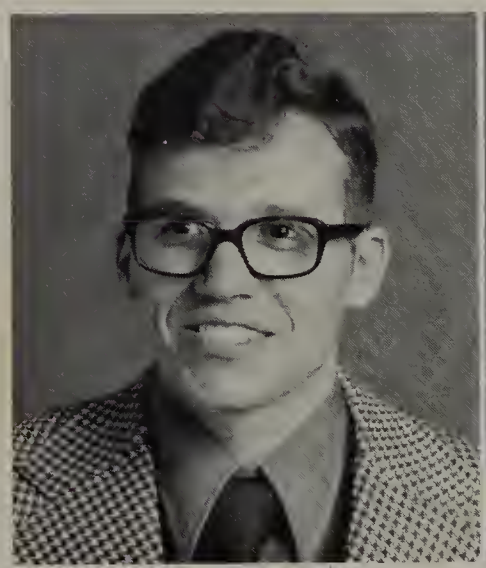
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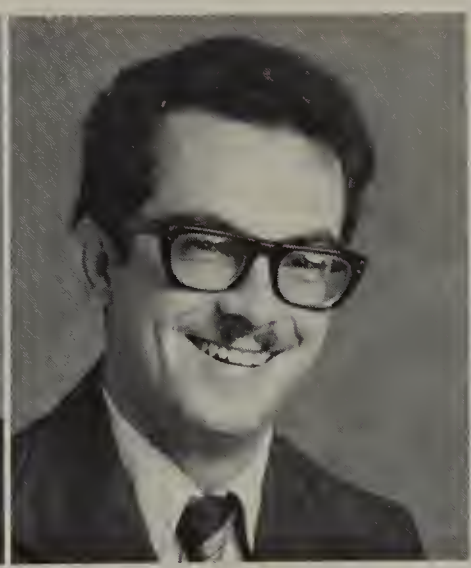
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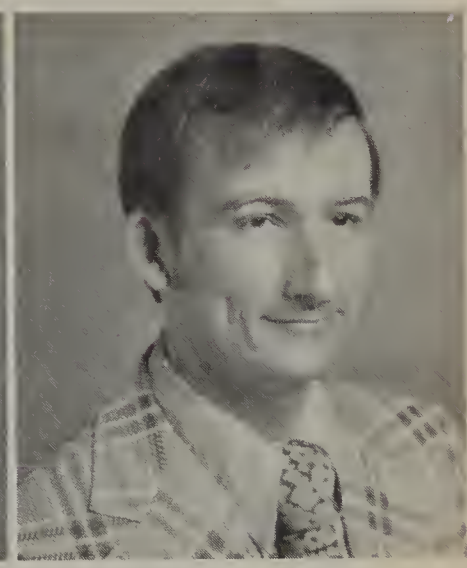
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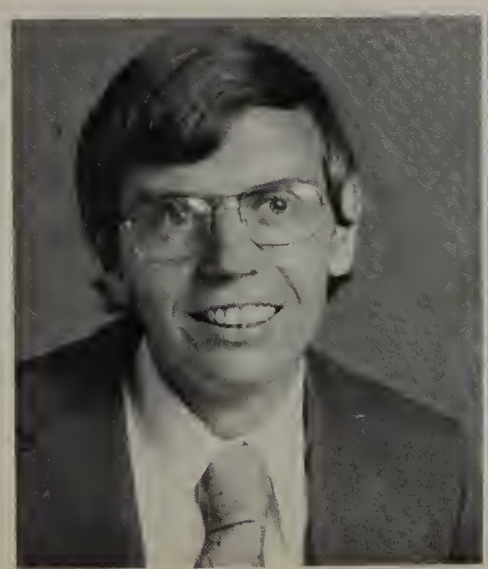
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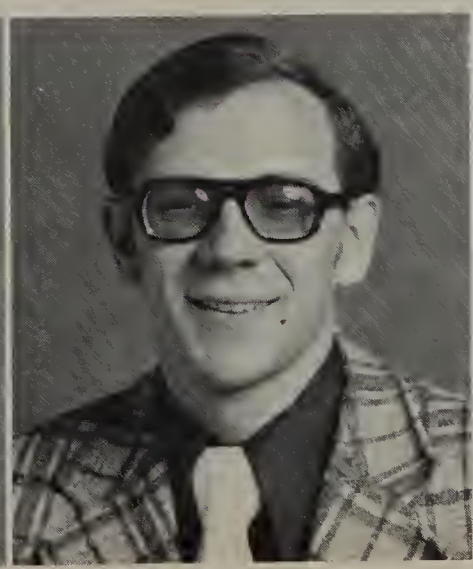
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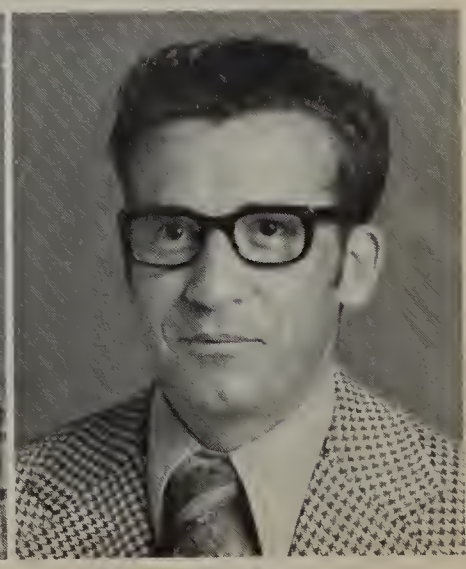
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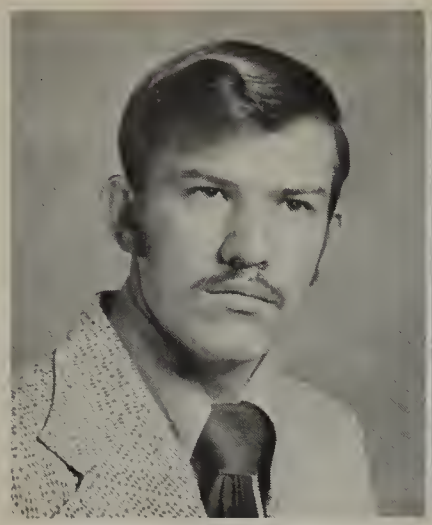
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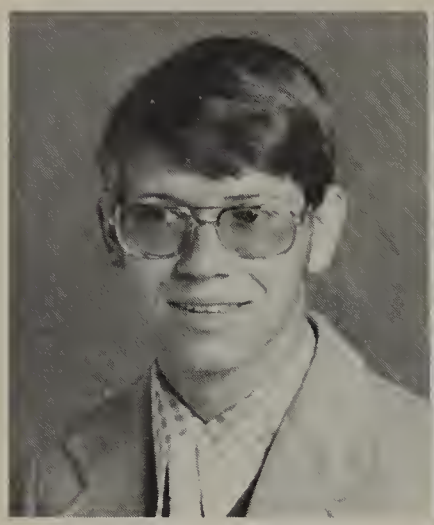
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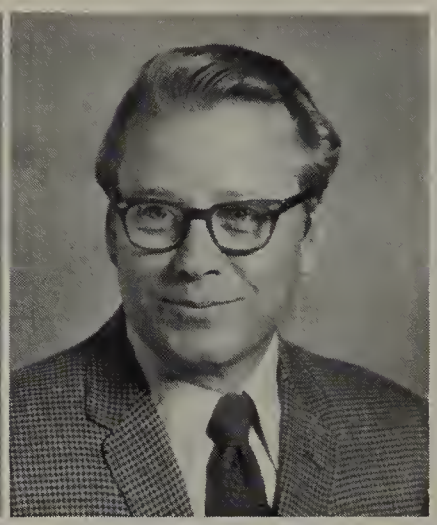
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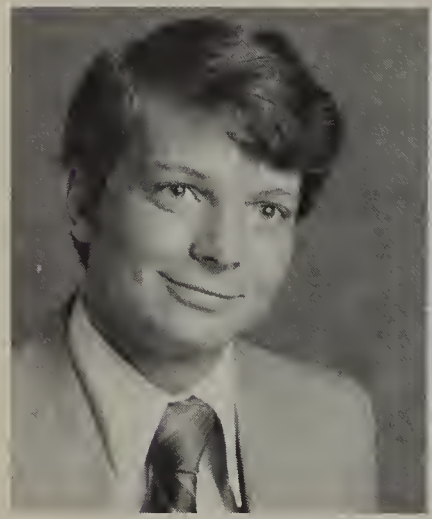
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More pie for Professor Tate!!!!!

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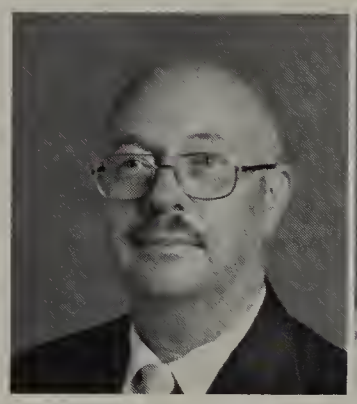
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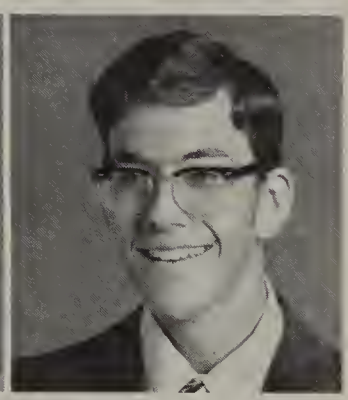
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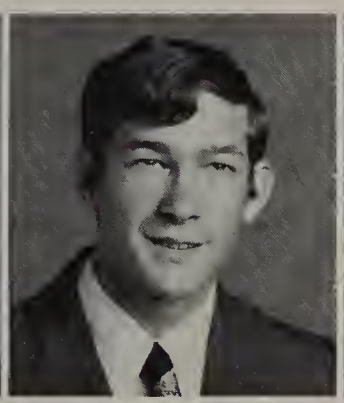
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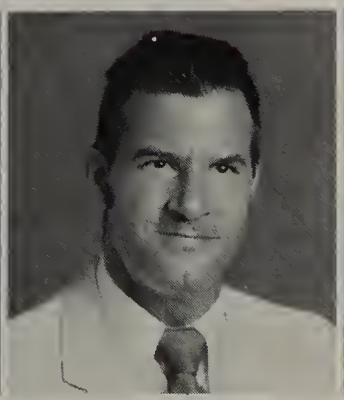
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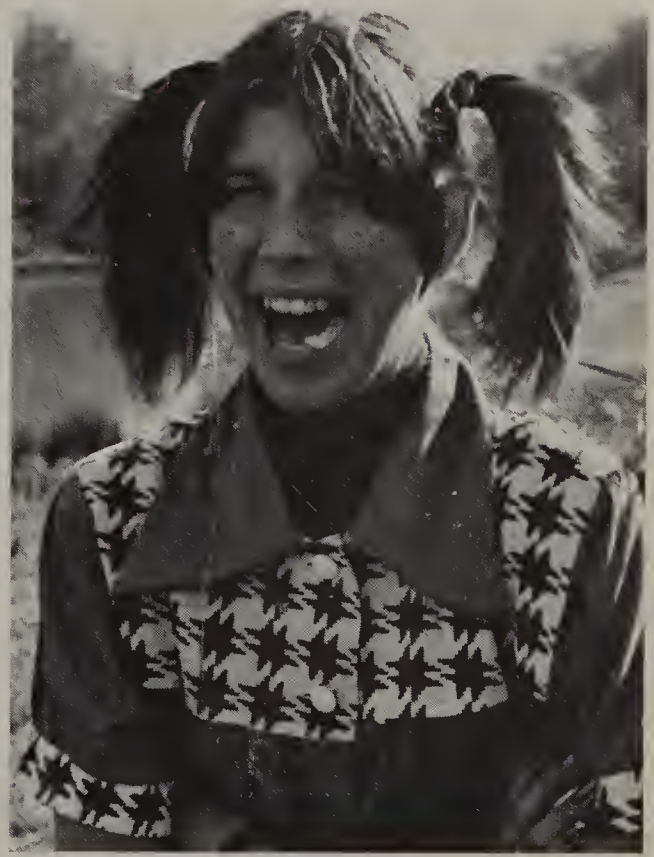
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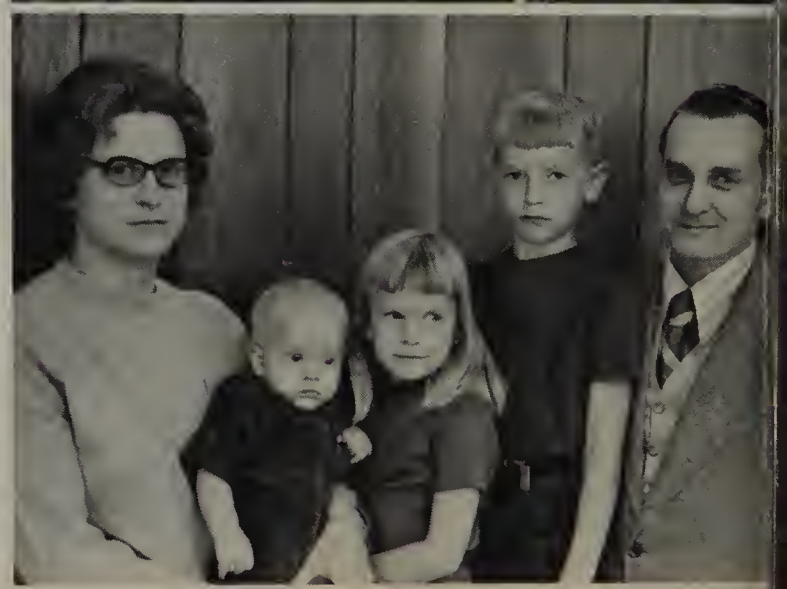

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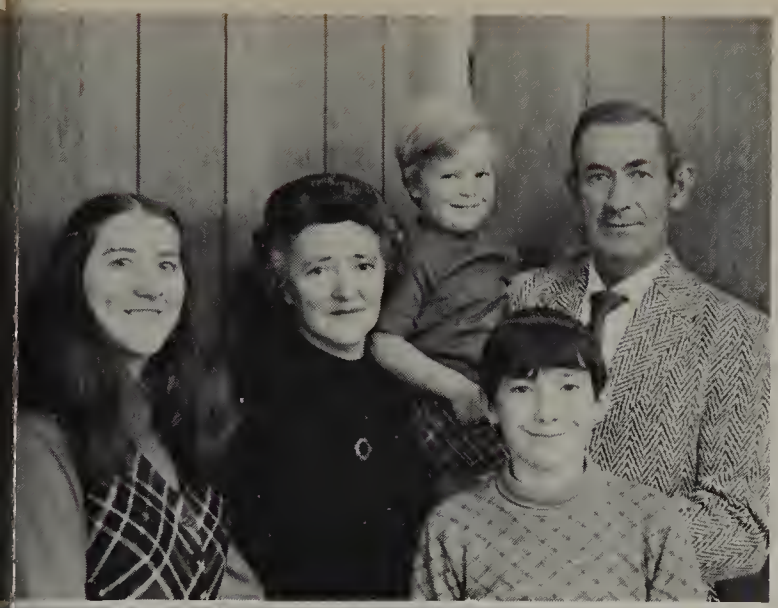

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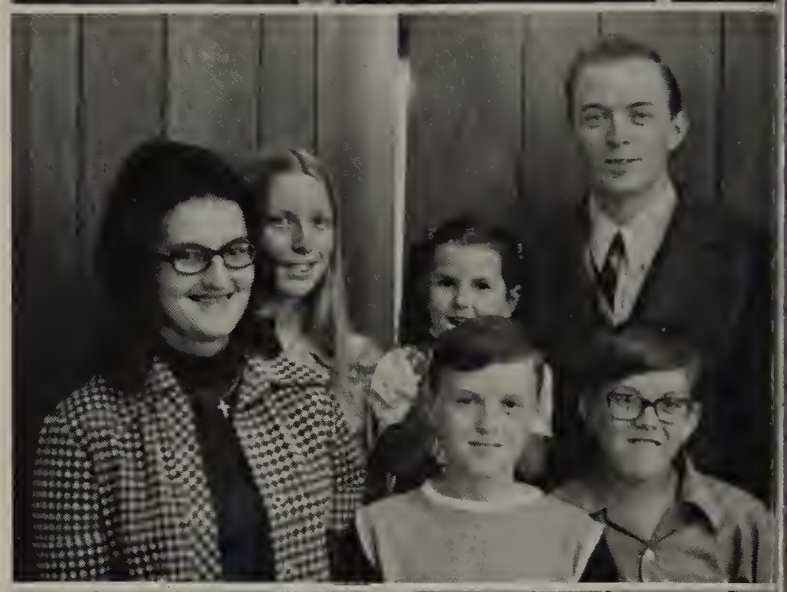

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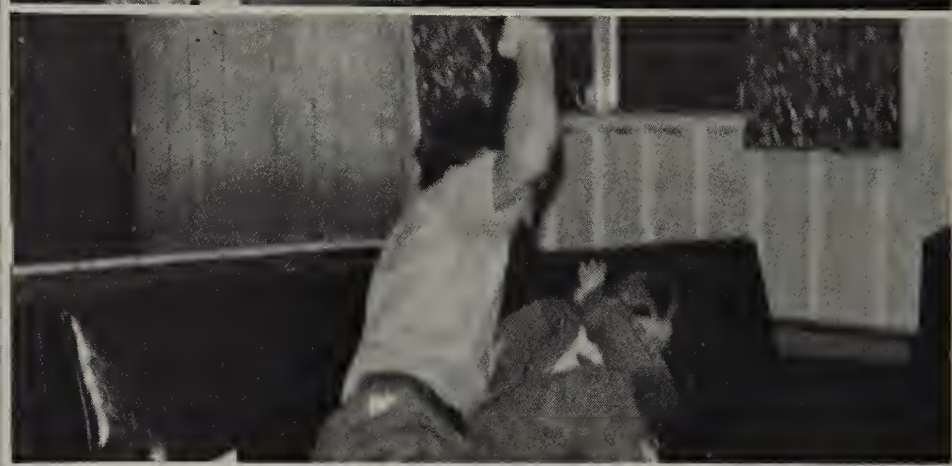

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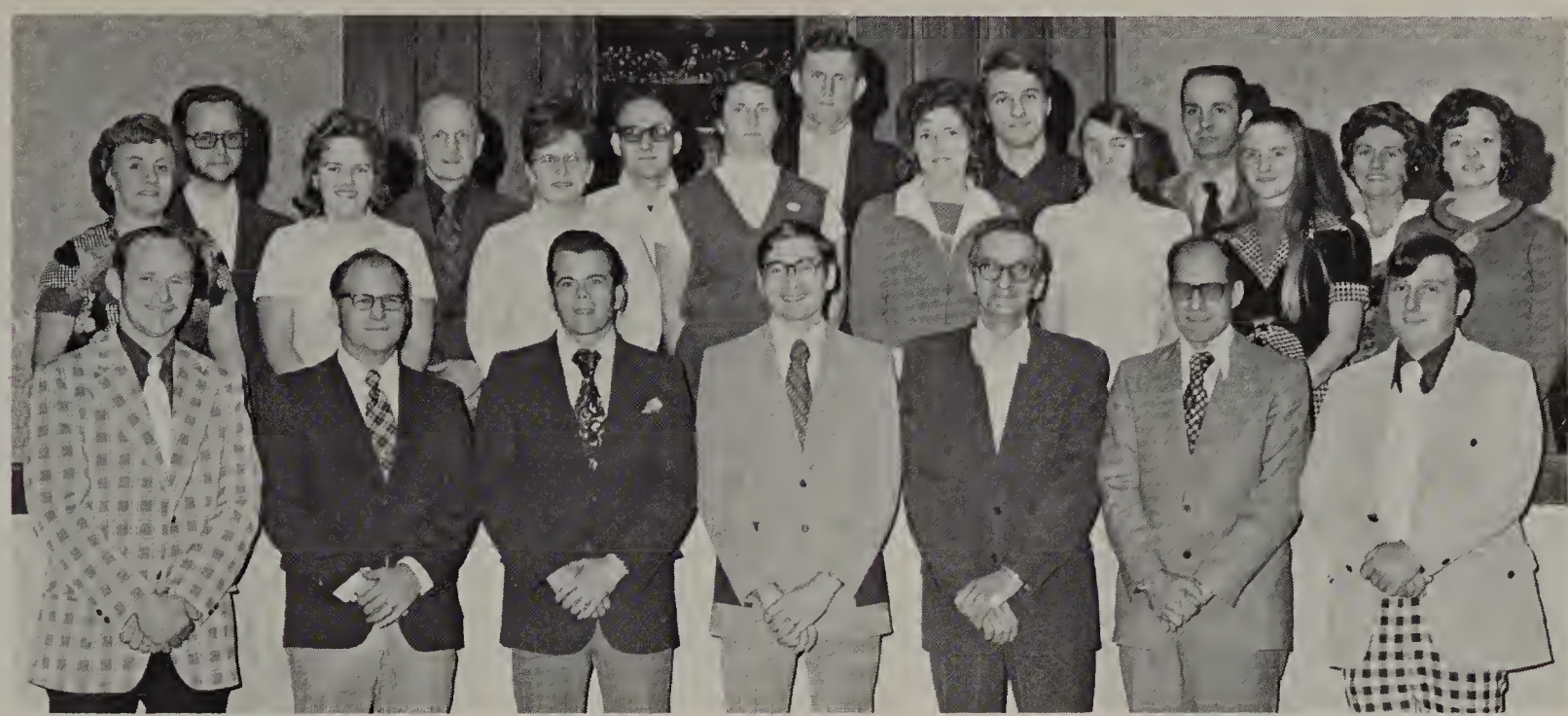

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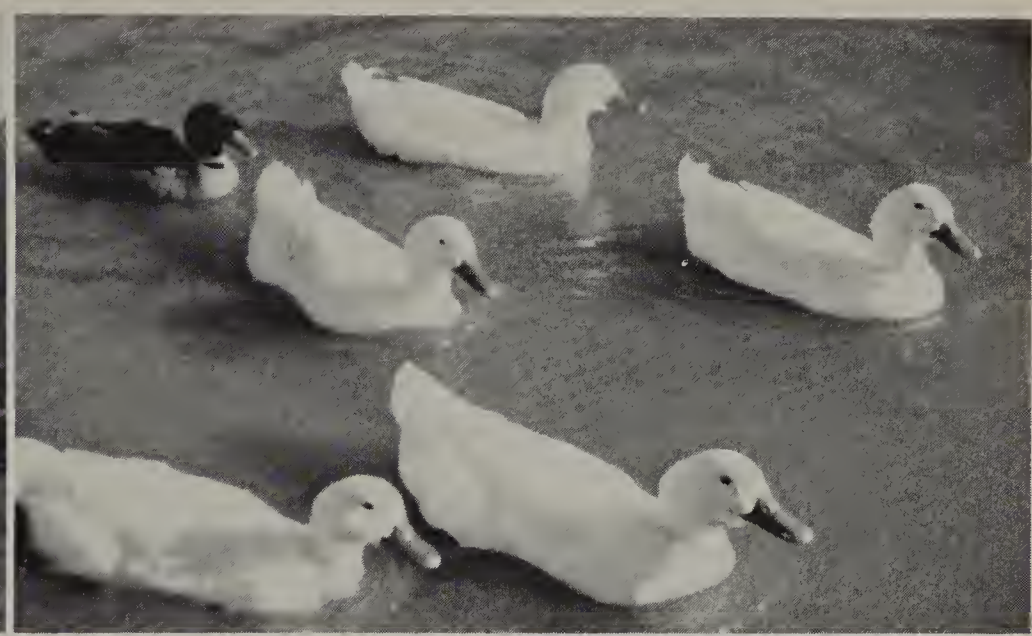

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Sonny Furrow, Linda Nixon, Larry Mullen, and Leland Duncan. Not pictured Janeen Brown and Sam Eddy

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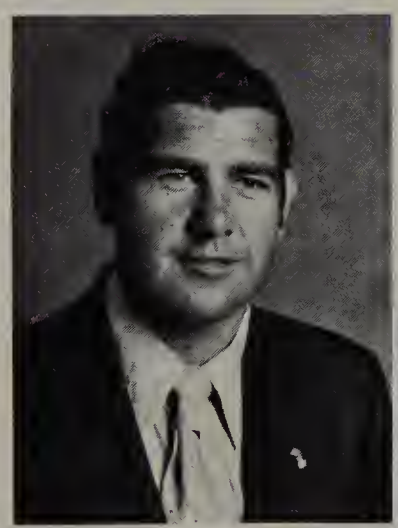

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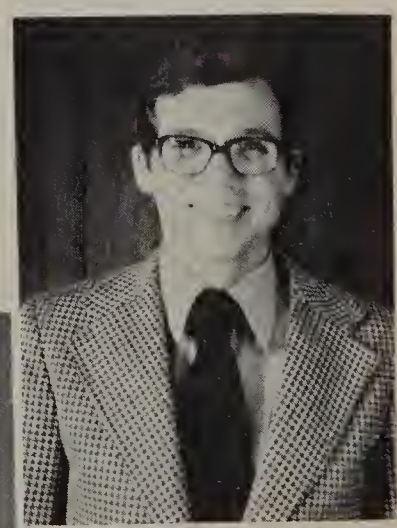

Larry Mullen
FEBRUARY

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1974-'75 "DEFENDER" STAFF

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Dean Stowe, Amanda Lucas, Debbie Hauger, Linda Nixon, Leroy Overholser, Kenneth McFarling, and Mike Diamond. Not pictured Joanna Mathena, Advisor

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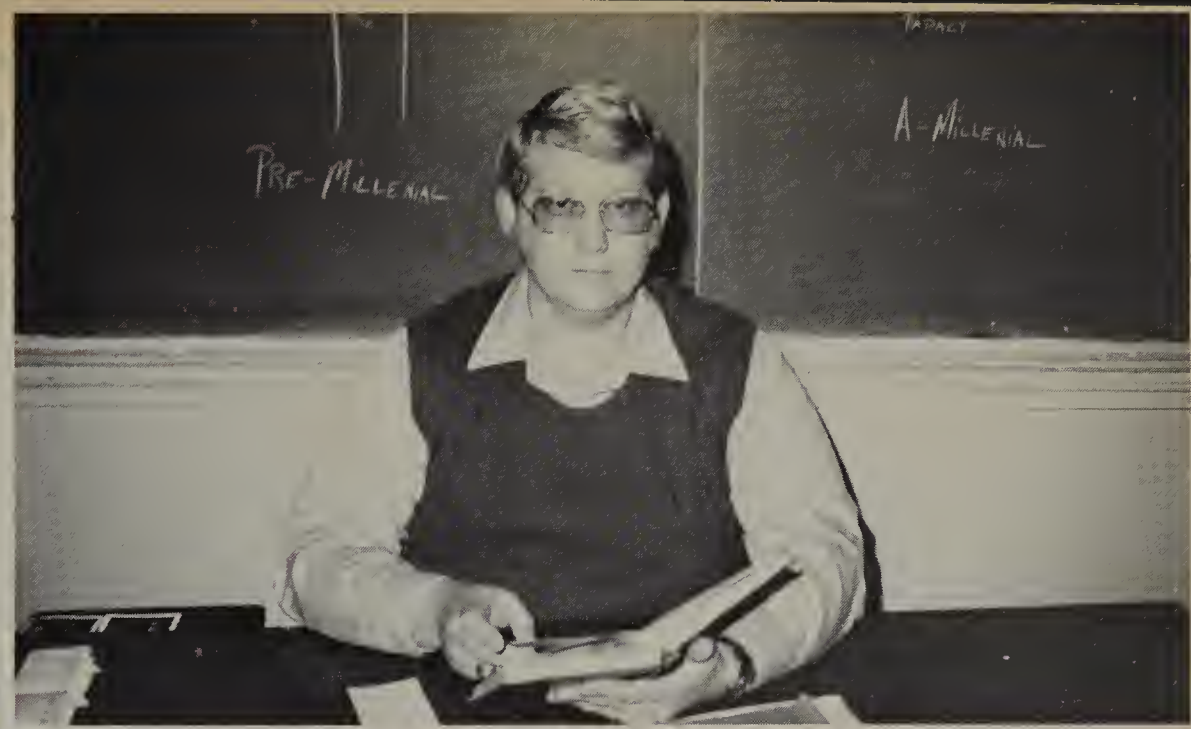


Tim Hudson shares his knowledge with students at Concord College, as he teaches in the "New Testament Way."

Bart Wynegar, Dottie Wyatt, Leroy Overholser and Linda Nixon share their hope and peace as they witness on the campus and on the street.

Dale Wood defends the faith as he preaches to the church each Lord's day.

Jim Conley and Larry Mullen, working in the Bland County prison, let those behind bars know that they can have freedom in Christ.

Many of the students visit daily the hospitals, comforting those who are sick.

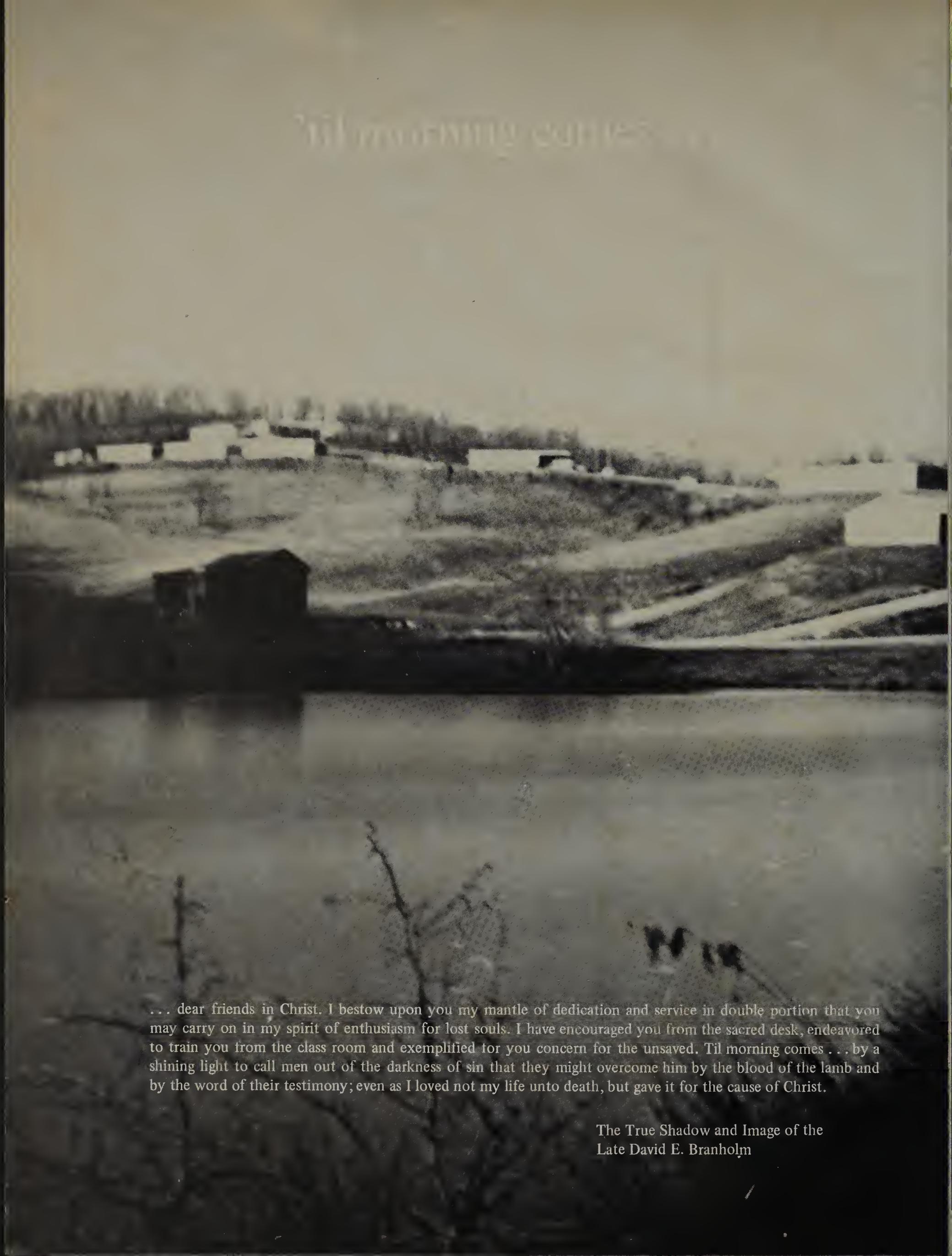
Kenny McFarling shares love and understanding to those in convalescent homes.

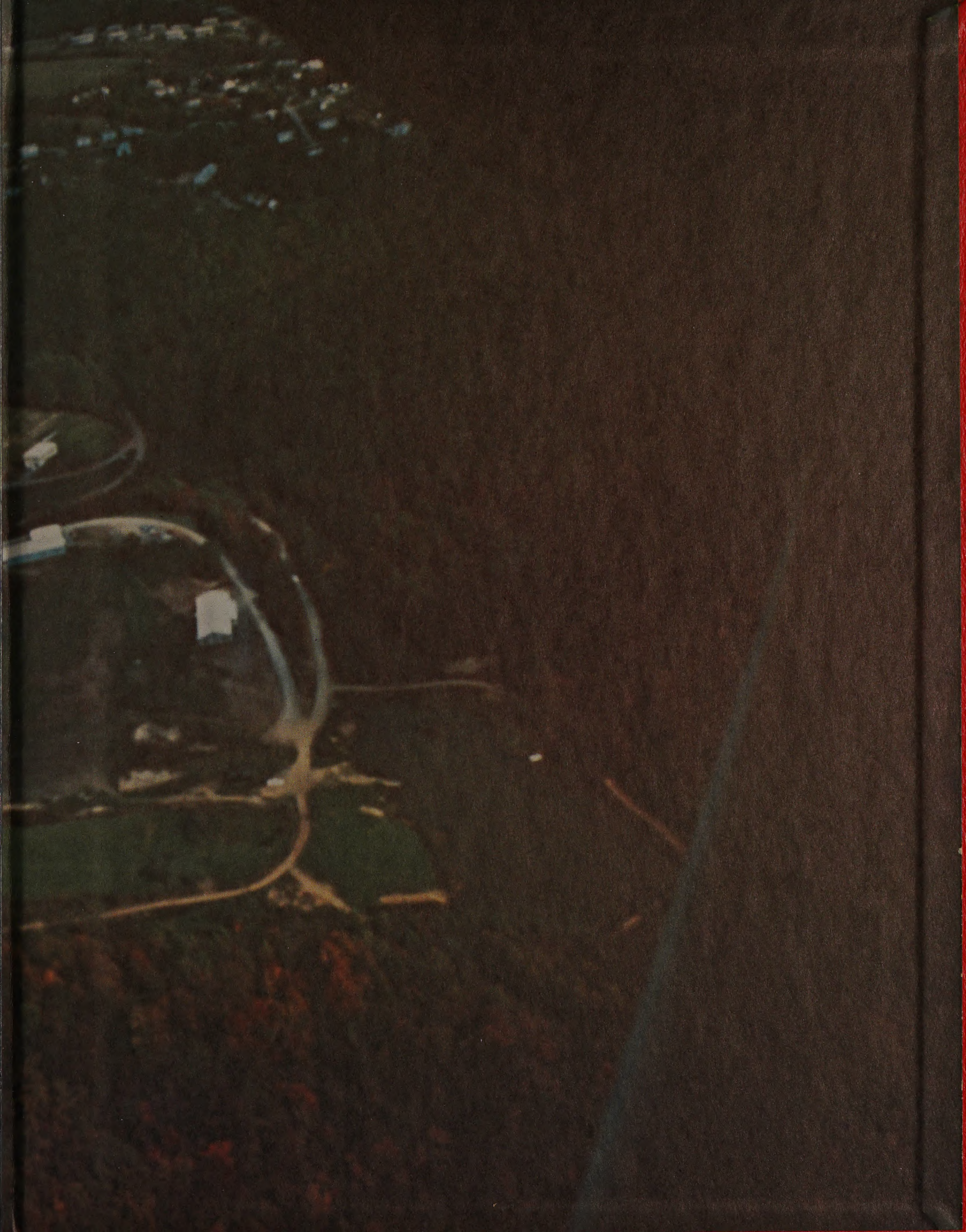
John Witt preaches to thousands weekly on the radio station in Hinton, W. Va.

A method of evangelism of the early church was going from door to door, spreading the Gospel. Dean Stowe and Debbie Hauger follow this method as they call in the community.

In Memorium

On Palm Sunday, March 23, 1975, David E. Branholm laid aside his wings of service and made his final flight into the New Jerusalem. Father, friend, President, he piloted his way into the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. On one of his many weekend revivals, his Piper Comanche plumeted to the earth near Washington, Indiana in severe winds and thunderstorms, severing his love, his life, and his friendship from all those who knew him as "Bro. Dave." The plane went down at 5:37 p.m. Midnight soon settled . . . and to you, Bro. Dave . . . Good night . . . but we'll see you in the morning.



. . . dear friends in Christ. I bestow upon you my mantle of dedication and service in double portion that you may carry on in my spirit of enthusiasm for lost souls. I have encouraged you from the sacred desk, endeavored to train you from the class room and exemplified for you concern for the unsaved. Til morning comes . . . by a shining light to call men out of the darkness of sin that they might overcome him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony; even as I loved not my life unto death, but gave it for the cause of Christ.

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